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Inventor: **Thomas B. Berg et al.**  
 Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-PATH DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL**  
 Assignee Name: **International Business Machines Corporation**  
 Assignee Residence: **Armonk, New York**  
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Enclosed are:

- 30 Pages of specifications, claims and abstract  
12 Sheets of drawings  
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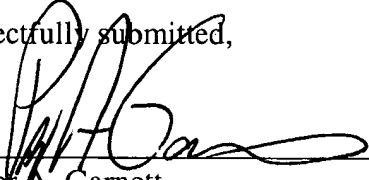
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